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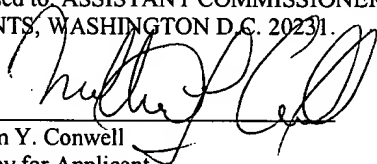
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

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In the Specification:

Substitute the attached specification (including Appendix A) for the specification and Appendix A as originally filed.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 19-22 without prejudice.

Add new claims as follows:


--27. A method comprising:
receiving ambient music using a microphone in a user device;
transferring electronic signals corresponding to the received ambient music to a processor;
receiving from the processor an identifier derived from the electronic signals;
using said identifier to obtain information from a database, said information relating to the music; and
presenting at least textual information to a user about the ambient music, said presented information being based at least in part on information obtained from the database.

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